(a) whether Government have taken any flood management measures for preventing floods in the flood prone areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided to the State for the purpose during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether reasonable degree of protection has been provided to the flood prone areas of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Central Indian and Deccan rivers such as Tapi, Narmada, Godavari, Krishna and smaller West flowing rivers which cover the State of Maharashtra have generally well defined courses and adequate bankful capacity. The region is generally free from floods and the problem is limited to spilling over banks during high floods. The State Govt. plans and executives schemes under flood control in their areas with their own plan funds. No flood control scheme has been referred by the State Govt. to the Centre for appraisal since 1991. The State Govt. have made provisions in their annual plan under flood sector as under:

1994-95	:	Rs. 0.53 crore
1995-96	:	Rs. 0.55 crore
1996-97	:	Rs. 1.02 crore

(c) and (d) The flood prone area in the state assessed by Rashtriya Barh Ayog is 2.3 lakh ha. Against this the flood control works carried out by the State Govt. and the area benefitted till March 1992 as reported by the State Govt. are given below:

(i)	Area benefitted	: 0.01 lakh ha.
(ii)	Embankments constructed	: 26 km.
(iii)	Town protection works	: 26 Nos.
(iv)	Villages benefitted	: 63 No.

Additional Assistance to Subarnarekha Project

1313. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the additioanl Central assistance sought by the Government of West Bengal regarding Subarnarekha Project;

(b) whether the same is being considered under the Accelerated irrigation Benefits Programme launched by the Government of India; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) State Governemnt of West Bengal had requested for Central Asistance for Subarnarekha Project under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme. However, the project did not satisfy the conditions laid down for giving assistance under the programme.

नहरों और ट्यूबवैल्लों से सिंचाई

1314. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में कुल कितना कृषि क्षेत्रफल क्रमशः नहरों और ट्यूबवैलों से सिंचित होता है;

(ख) कुल कितनी जमीन खेती योग्य है और उसमें से कुल कितने क्षेत्र में सिंचाई सुविधा उपलब्ध है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा शेष कृषि योग्य भूमि की सिंचाई सुविधा प्रदान करने हेतु क्या व्यवस्था की गई है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र): (क) से (ग) कृषि मंत्रालय द्वारा वर्ष 1993-94 (अद्यतन) के लिए रकाशित किए गए भूमि उपयोग आंकड़ों के अनुसार देश में नहरों और नलकूपों द्वारा कुल सिंचित क्षेत्र, कुल कृषि योग्य भूमि और निवल सिंचित भूमि का विवरण नीचे दिया गया है:—

	क्षेत्र मिलियन हैक्टेयर में (अनन्तिम)
(i) कुल कृषि योग्य भूमि	184.26
(ii) निवल सिंचित क्षेत्र	51.45